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DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
NEWS RELEASE



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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 7
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-08-13

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 7 opens set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands Sections of the Upper Subdistrict on Thursday, July 11, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Drift gillnetting will be opened in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2013 (Figure 1). This restriction is in compliance with 5AAC 21.353 *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan*.

The current escapement level of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River is proceeding at a rate that is projected to exceed the Optimum Escapement Goal of 160,000–390,000 fish. Sockeye salmon passage into the Kenai River is average for this time of year. In order to provide for an orderly fishery and to maximize the harvest potential of Kenai and Kasilof River sockeye salmon, this regularly scheduled 12-hour fishing period is being modified from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for both set gillnets in the Upper Subdistrict and drift gillnets in the Central District.

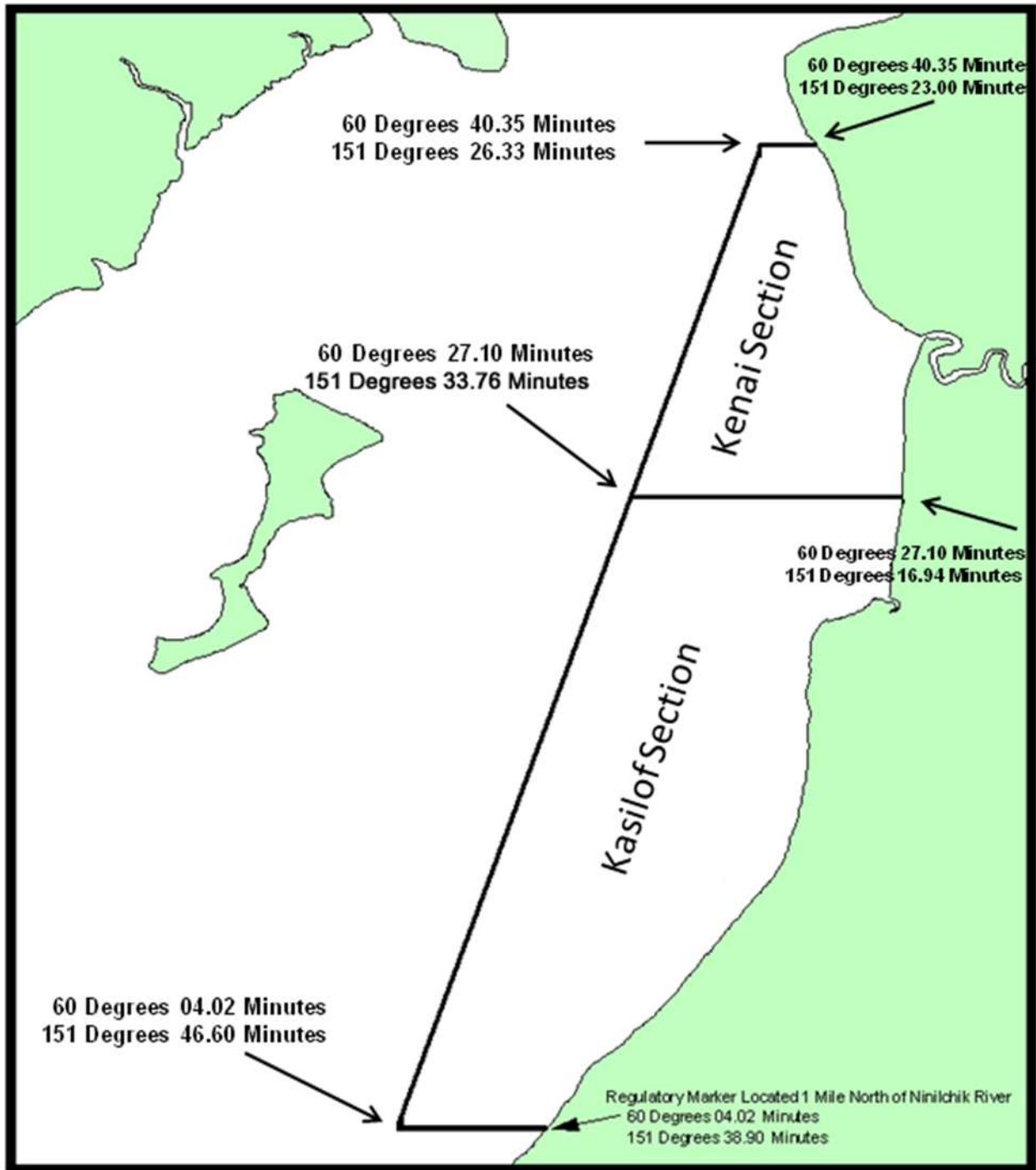


Figure 1. Map of the Expanded Kasilof and Expanded Kenai Corridors with waypoints.